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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

TAMURA et al

Serial No.:

10/658,291

Filed:

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For:

Vacuum Processing Device And Vacuum

**Processing Method** 

Art Unit:

1763

Examiner:

K. Moore

## PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee) **Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed April 5, 2006.

A payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 648.41957CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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